

## **Post-Event Summary Report**

**Name of Event:** Jackson's Mill Senior Conference

**Date of Event:** May 11 – 13, 2005

**Location of Event:** Jackson's Mill (Weston), West Virginia

**Number of Persons Attending:** 309 Senior Citizens representing  
46 of West Virginia's

55 counties

**Sponsoring Organization:** West Virginia Bureau of Senior Services

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**Priority Issue #1:** How and Why Should Social Security Be Reformed?

The highlight of the conference was the debate of the above referenced question. Mr.

John R (Ridge) Multop represented the AARP. Dr Daniel Shapiro is an Associate Professor of Philosophy and Public Policy at West Virginia University. The debate was moderated by Hoppy Kercheval, the Vice-President of Operations of Metronews, and the Radio "dean" of West Virginia broadcasting.

**Barriers:** The development of political consensus.

**Proposed Solutions:** Increase retirement age, increase payroll tax, and privatization.

A video tape of the debate will be provided to the White House Conference on Aging as an addendum to this post-event summary report.

**Priority Issue #2:** What If I can't Pay for a Medicare Prescription Drug Plan Coming in 2006?

There was extensive discussion at the conference of who would qualify for Medicare prescription drug help in 2006.

**Barriers:** Complexity of plan and lack of public awareness.

**Proposed Solutions:** Counselors at county senior centers, PR campaigns, and

Department of Health and Human  
Resources (DHHR) and Social Security Administration involvement  
in public education.

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